



# Overcoming Key Market Barriers Biogas Development & Injection into Natural Gas Pipelines

## *Moving Renewable Gas into Microgrids*

California Energy Commission  
June 11, 2007



## **RealEnergy develops, owns and operates small, clean onsite generation systems**

- Turnkey Projects – 43 Electrical Interconnections To-Date
- Reciprocating Engines, Solar PV, MicroTurbines, Hybrids
- BioGas Plant Injection into Natural Gas Pipeline to Fix Gas Cost for DG
- No Cost or Operating Risk to Host
- Clean/Green Power Priced Below Best Grid Price
- Immediate Economic and Environmental Benefits
- In-City Site Leases
  - 15 Year Site Lease
  - Commodity Sale Agreements
- On-Farm Site Leases
  - 15 Year Site Lease
  - Manure and Energy Crop Agreements



# RealEnergy Developments



State of California  
San Francisco



Arden Realty, San Diego, CA



CalSTRS, San Diego, CA



State of California  
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Arden Realty, Fountain Valley, CA



Walton/SCS Advisors,  
Fremont, CA



State of California, Oakland



Emery Station



# RealEnergy Developments



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**KOR, Marina Del Rey, CA**



**Arden Realty, San Diego, CA**



**RREEF, Carlsbad, CA**



**Commonwealth Partners  
Costa Mesa, CA**



**Commonwealth Partners  
San Diego, CA**

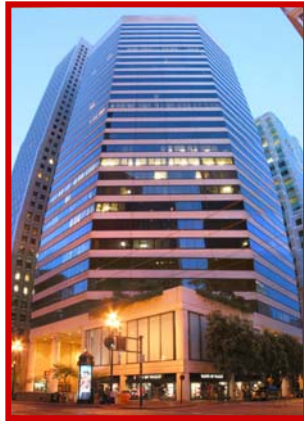


**Arden Realty – Phase Two  
Beverly Hills, CA**



**Arden Realty, Long Beach, CA**

# RealEnergy Developments



**Tower Realty**  
San Francisco, CA



**CommonWealth Partners**, San Diego, CA



**Trammell Crow**  
Torrance, CA



**Fremont Properties**  
San Francisco, CA



**Transwestern**  
So. California and New Jersey





# Modular CHP Design Standard

## Department of Energy Contract to Design:

- 300-1500kW modules
- Price/performance focused
- Technology agnostic
  - Reciprocating engines, microturbines
  - Natural gas, opportunity fuels
  - Chiller and balance of plant modules included
- MicroGrid recognized
  - Physical rules
  - Financial rules
  - Loading order
  - Billing/metering
  - Build/own/operator friendly



***“Can small scale DG be mass produced with minimal customization (mass customization i.e. Dell computers), and achieve the price/performance demands of Wall Street?”***



# MicroGrid Design Standards

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**MicroGrids reduce capital cost and capture load diversity opportunities.**

- Prime movers become larger, less expensive
- Fewer pieces of ancillary equipment
- Load diversity increases revenues
- Reduced site impact – one location vs. many
- Operation/maintenance cost reduced
  - Afford better monitoring/controls
  - Generally more reliable equipment
  - Single site vs. distributed sites
- Opens opportunities for the future
  - AC/DC buss for ground fault/firming renewables /PQ/ storage
  - Grids supporting grids require standards



CalPERS, San Diego, CA  
RealEnergy MicroGrid



# Biogas Injection Technical Standards

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- North America ~ 200 Digesters, No BioGas Injection
- Europe ~ 5000 Digesters, BioGas Injection Since 2000
- Many Desire Standards for Distribution System Injection
  - Northwest Natural Gas
  - Southwest Gas
  - Pacific Gas and Electric
  - Intermountain Gas
  - Gas Technology Institute
  - American Gas Association
  - USCHPA
  - NYSEG
- No Quality Standards or Monitoring Protocols Yet
- European Community Standard as Strawman?





# Gas Transport Tariff Example

| ESTIMATED OF COST OF TRANSPORTATION FROM RICKREALL TO MADERA |   |           |   |
|--|---|-----------|---|
| Point to Point   |   |           | Estimated Charge  |
| Origin :   | Rickreall Dairy                               |           |   |
| Received at :  | Rickreall (?)                                 |           |   |
| Received By :  | Northwest Natural Gas                         |           |   |
| Transport By :   | Northwest Natural Gas                         | [A]       | \$1.767392 (\$/decatherm)                                       |
| Deliverd To :  | Salem (?)                                     |           |   |
| Received At :  | Salem (?)                                     |           |   |
| Received By :  | Williams (Northwest Pipeline Corp)            |           |   |
| Transport By :   | Williams (Northwest Pipeline Corp)            | [B] TF-1  | \$0.882540 (\$/decatherm) Accumed to be the same as Transcanada |
| Deliverd To :  | Stanfield (?)                                 |           |   |
| Received At :  | Stanfield (?)                                 |           |   |
| Received By :  | Transcanada Pipelines Ltd.                    |           |   |
| Transport By :   | Transcanada Pipelines Ltd. GTN (GTN Mainline) | [C] FTS-1 | \$0.268985 (\$/decatherm)                                       |
| Deliverd To :  | Malin   |           |   |
| Received At :  | Malin   |           |   |
| Received By :  | Pacific Gas Transmission (PGT / PG&E)         |           |   |
| Transport By :   | PGT (Line 400 Redwood Path On-System)         | [D] G-AFT | \$0.314300 (\$/decatherm)                                       |
| Deliverd To :  | PG&E Citygate                                 |           |   |
| Received At :  | Pacific Gas & Electric Citygate               |           |   |
| Received By :  | Pacific Gas & Electric                        |           |   |
| Transport By :   | Pacific Gas & Electric (Distribution)         | [E] G-EG  | \$0.266378 (\$/decatherm)                                       |
| Deliverd To :  | Any Delivery Point On-System (e.g. Madera)    |           |   |
| Estimated Total Rate :                                       |   |           | \$3.499595 (\$/decatherm)                                       |



# Regulatory/Biogas Injection Roundtable

Napa Valley – April 19 & 20, 2007

- 165 General Regulatory Roundtable
- 46 Biogas Injection Roundtable
- Experience from Europe
  - Ros Roca (Spain, Germany)
  - Envitec (Germany)
  - Schmack Biogas (Germany)
- White Paper Draft by EPIC
  - “A Survey of Regulatory Challenges”

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## California BioEnergy The Path to Market Transformation

April 18-20, 2007  
Napa, California

### Waste-to-Energy and Energy Efficiency for Farmers and Food Processors

Sponsored by the Pacific Regional CHP Application Center, the University of California, Davis, the California Energy Commission, and the U.S. Department of Energy

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#### Program Overview

Wednesday, April 18th 12:00 pm - 5:30 pm  
Energy Efficiency on Farms and in Food Processing Plants

Thursday, April 19th 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
BioGas and Energy Generation for Farms and Food Processing

Thursday, April 19th 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Hear From The Regulators

Friday, April 20th 8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Charting a Path to Regulatory Compliance

Friday, April 20th 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
UC Davis Site Visit and Biogas Tour

#### This workshop is for:

- Poultry, Swine, and Dairy Farmers
- Food Processors
- Equipment Vendors
- Energy and Bio-fuels Researchers
- Contractors
- Regulators
- Project Designers
- Financiers
- System Packagers

We look forward to your participation!



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# Key Market Barriers

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- Waste
  - Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Considered Composting
  - No Clear Definition of AD Exists in California Law
  - AD Not Included in Exemptions/Exclusions
  - Feedstock's for AD are Considered Waste
  - Co-Digestion and Community Digestion
- Water
  - Salt Loading Rates and Management Practices
- Air
  - DG Emissions Standards to Reflect Biogas from Pipeline
  - Applicability of Waste Heat Credits
- Utility
  - Electric and Gas Interconnection Process, Standards and Costs
  - Net Metering - Level of Credits, Excess Power, Capacity Caps
  - Self Generation Incentive Program Eliminates Biogas Combustion in 2007
  - Injection Tariffs – Gas Technology Institute
- Private Equity
  - Investment Requires Clear Regulatory Compliance to Mitigate Risk
  - Appropriate and Advanced Technologies Need To Be Proven to Satisfy All Stakeholders/Shareholders



# Short Term Actions That Can Work

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- State Business Energy Tax Credit and Sale Option (Oregon)
- Self Generation Incentive Recognizing Biogas via Pipeline
- Industrial Development Bonds – SELP (Oregon)
- Expand Regulatory and Technology Transfer with Europe
- Develop Policy SWOT Team(s);
  - CoDigestion
  - Community Digestion
  - Salt Loading
  - Energy Crops
  - Microgrids
  - Gas Injection Specifications for Gas Distribution System
  - Quality Standards Protocols (Six Sigma Process)



California Public/Private cooperation is slowly creating a profitable and prolific biogas industry.

- Reliable Biogas Plants
- Safe Interconnections
- Cleaner Food Processing/Agriculture
- Reasonable Regulations
- Attainable Gas/Salt/Composting Standards
- Sustainable CHP Serving microgrids
- Energy Security
- Energy Risk Management
- Energy Efficiency
- Economic Growth
- A Better Environment





## For More Information

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